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For: DIAMINOSTILBENE DERIVATIVES

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DECLARATION PURSUANT TO RULE 132

I, Takanori Hioki, graduated from Tohoku University, with receiving a Master's degree in Chemistry from said University in March of 1983. Then, I was employed by Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. in April of 1983, and since that time I has been engaged in research and development relating photo-sensitive organic dyes at the Ashigara Laboratories of said Company.

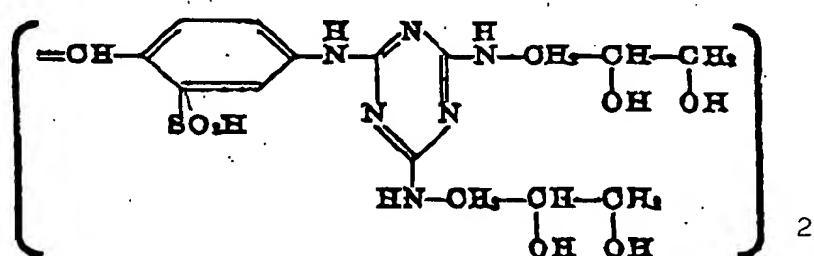
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I hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am familiar with the prosecution history of the above-identified patent application.

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2. In place of the inventors/applicants of the subject application, I have carried out a comparative experiment for examining solubility of the compound described in Buell (United States Patent 3,309,363), which is illustrated below.



[Experiment for examining solubility]

The experiment has been carried out in the manner described in the specification of the subject application at page 27, line 36 to page 28, line 9, that is:

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Water (100 mL) was added to 20 g of the compound, and the resulting mixture was placed on a warm bath (at 40°C), and stirred using a magnetic stirrer, so that the added compound was dissolved in the warm water. Then, the obtained aqueous solution was placed on an ice bath under stirring. The conditions of the aqueous mixture in the dissolving procedure and the aqueous solution on the ice bath were observed for evaluating solubility in water at 40°C and 0°C.

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Compound	Solubility at 40°C	Solubility of 0°C
Buell	some insoluble remained at 300 sec.	Not examined

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3. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statement made on information and belief to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and the such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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Date: October 9, 2002

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